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Hongkong, November 27, 1905.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1905.

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Hongkong, November 8, 1905.

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Hongkong, December 7, 1905.

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EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY.
By TELEGRAPH.

AFTER EXAMINATION, the Chartered
Accountants have further certified
to the Directors of the EQUITABLE LIFE
ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the United
States that the Society has a surplus of
\$87,000,000 (gold) and that the Society's
financial position is unquestionable.

SHEWAN, TOME & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 6, 1905.

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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES,

I Have This Day APPOINTED Messrs
SHEWAN, TOME & CO. GENERAL
MANAGERS for Hongkong for
the above Society, in the place of Mr F.
KIENE, whose engagement has been
terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON,
General Manager for the East.
Hongkong, November 15, 1905.

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J. T. HAMILTON,
Manager for the East.
Hongkong, November 15, 1905.

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THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

FINEST AUSTRALIAN
BUTTER.
70 Cents per lb.

SECOND QUALITY (Very Good)
60 Cents per lb.

Hongkong, October 9, 1905.

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H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES

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PRINCIPAL STORES.

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WORKS: KOWLOON BAY.
OFFICES & STORES:
NO. 20, CONNAUGHT ROAD.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO
AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND
MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., AND THE CHINA
NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

HONAM, 2,883 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.
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KINSHAN, 1,905 tons, Captain J. J. Losine.
Departures from HONGKONG daily at 8:30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m.
and 10:30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
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(Sunday excepted).

These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the
River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

Hongkong-Macao Line.

HEUNGSEAN, 1,938 tons, Captain W. E. Clarke.
Departures from Hongkong to Macao on week days at 2 p.m.
Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.
8 a.m., and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Canton-Macao Line.

LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.
This steamer leaves Canton for Macao every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at
8 a.m., and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 a.m.

Joint Service of the H.K. & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE Indo-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

Canton-Wuchow Line.

SAIMAM, 588 tons, Captain W. A. Valentine.
NANNING, 569 tons, Captain A. Butchart.

One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday
and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days
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Accommodation, and are lighted throughout by electricity.

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SPECIAL TERMS FOR MONTHLY BOARDERS.

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29, WYNDHAM STREET,
Hongkong, September 6, 1905.

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NO. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL

(NEXT DOOR TO H. PRICE & CO.)

ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD, CROCKERY AND GLASS
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AT MODERATE PRICES.

Hongkong, September 21, 1905.

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XMAS GOODS.

WE have just unpacked a large Assort-
ment of CHRISTMAS GOODS,
ex.s.s. Paris.

All the Latest NOVELTIES.

An Inspection invited.

CAMPBELL, MOORE & CO.,
Hongkong Hotel Building.

Hongkong, November 20, 1905.

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ORIENTAL SILKS, CREPES,
EMBROIDERIES, RUGS,

LACES, DRAPERY,
FANCY GOODS,
&c., &c., &c.

Kindly note that the above Articles are
suitable for Presents for

XMAS AND NEW YEAR.

Inspection earnestly solicited.

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58, Queen's Road Central
Hongkong, December 4, 1905.

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HIGH-CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER.

Developing and Printing for Amateur.

ENLARGEMENT A SPECIAL FEATURE.

VICENTE BARONILLA, Proprietor.

BRANCH: HONGKONG HOTEL CORRIDOR.

Hongkong, April 10, 1905.

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No. 52, WELLINGTON STREET.

SWATOW DRAWN-THREAD WORK

direct from our own Factory; Whole-
sale and Retail. DRAWN-THREAD WORK,

EMBROIDERIES, etc., MADE TO ORDER. Best

quality of Glass Cotton at Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, November 15, 1905.

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TRADE

MARK

Telephone No. 10.

SOLD AGENTS:

Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co.

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS

16, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, December 8, 1905.

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Business Notices.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, LIMITED
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Plum Puddings, Mincemeat.

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FILBERTS, BRAZILS, ALMONDS,

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Carlsbad & Elvas Plums,

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Cadbury's Chocolates, Pascall's Pralenes,

&c., &c.

TOYS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

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BETRAYED BY HIS SOAP.

When, in February last, the Lion Hotel, Newtown, in North Wales, was ransacked and a large sum of money stolen, there was no trace of the culprit, but tablets of pink scented soap were missing.

Robert Smith, alias Brennan, brass-founder of Birmingham, was seen in the place a day before the robbery, and afterwards, at lodgings in Welshpool, he made a great show of ready money and used pink scented soap.

Two months later, on departing from Oswestry, he left behind him a remnant of soap, and on this fragment of evidence the police built up a case upon which he was convicted yesterday at the North Wales Assizes at Ruthin.

Recalling many previous felonies against him, Justice Lawrence passed sentence of five years' penal servitude.

CAPTAIN BOUGOUIN.

Was he Guilty?

More momentous events have almost effaced the memory of the trial of Captain Bougouin, writes our Tokio correspondent, although his conviction on a charge of espionage created considerable stir at the time. It will be remembered that Captain Bougouin, as I reported at the time, was found guilty of disclosing military secrets and sentenced to several year's imprisonment. By the clemency of the Emperor he was pardoned on condition that he left Japan. A veracious paper now learns that Bougouin, who was seriously ill when he left Tokio, is still in a very critical condition. His friends have secured for him the best professional advice and are endeavouring to patch him up in order that he may stand the strain of another investigation. The Japanese Government has received a petition asking that the case be re-opened on the ground that fresh evidence can be called which will enable Bougouin to re-establish his reputation as a man of honour. It is reported that Bougouin is in very necessitous circumstances, having lost his entire possessions as a result of the decree of banishment.

The unhappy motorists had a pretty lively time of it last year in the United Kingdom, judging by a paragraph published in a recent exchange. British motorists it seems paid an aggregate of \$1,500,000 in fines for exceeding the speed limit in the year 1904. In certain districts the police traps are ingeniously laid and magistrates so sure to convict motorists that the latter now combine to give these places a wide birth. Popular feeling, especially in country districts, against motorchers grows daily.

King Alfonso, Rescuer.

A Madrid despatch to the Toronto Mail states that King Alfonso assisted in rescuing an aeronaut from a tree recently. A balloon ascension was made as a part of the festivities held in connection with the visit of President Loubet.

As soon as the balloon rose from the ground King Alfonso followed it in an automobile a number of miles. The balloon descended in a pine wood, and the aeronaut was in a critical position when the King arrived and assisted him to get down out of a tree.

**CLARKE'S
B. 41.
PILLS.**

A Warranted Cure for all Diseases of Constitutional Disease from the Urinary Organs in either sex. These Pills are also good for the Skin, the Back, and all Kidney Diseases. Free from Mercury. Forty Years success-
ful experience. Sold by Dr. Storkes throughout the world.

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THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO AND LONDON.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above are prepared to accept Risks at Current Rates.

ALEX. ROSS & CO.,
Hongkong, April 23, 1904.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

\$217,611,299.

Authorised Capital \$2,000,000.

Subscribed Capital \$2,750,000.

Paid-up Capital \$2,687,600 0 0

Funds 3,001,268 12 0

III—Life & Annuity Funds \$18,472,532 7 0

217,161,298 10 0

Revenue Fire Branch ... 2,056,213 1 8

Life & Annuity Branches 1,632,916 3 4

23,683,929 5 0

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and Life Departments are free from liability in respect of each other.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 22, 1905.

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WIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE CO. OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

STATEMENT TO SIXTY DRADEERS, 1903.

Assets, Gold \$5,888,620 37

New Surplus Gold \$2,165,118 50

Income Gold \$3,470,297 55

FIRE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept Fire Risks at Current Rates.

HUGH KIRKHOPE, M.A., Headmaster.

Hongkong, November 27, 1905.

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Intimations.

A WORD IN YOUR EAR!

DON'T BUY ANY OTHER CIGAR UNTIL
YOU HAVE TRIED THE
YOUNG AMERICAN MEXICAN PLANTERS.

YOU WILL SMOKE NO OTHER KIND WHEN ONCE
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USE ONLY & USE ALWAYS
ATKINSON'S MOST
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A LUXURIOUS PERFUME
IN HEALTH.
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IN SICKNESS.
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OF ALL SIZES AND LENGTHS,
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(STORED IN MONGROK)

INSPECTION SOLICITED.
The Undersigned is ready to take ORDERS for any QUANTITY and ASSORTMENTS, and deliver at any Port along the China Coast.

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59, BONHAM STRAND, EAST
Hongkong, December 1, 1905.

Intimations.

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COAL DEPARTMENT.

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CABLE ADDRESS: 'IWASAKI,'
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AGENCIES.

SHANGHAI: H. J. H. TRIPP.
HONGKONG: H. U. JEFFRIES.
YOKOHAMA: M. ASADA.
CHINKiang: GEARING & CO.
MANILA: MACDONALD & CO.

CONTRACTORS OF COAL to the Imperial Japanese Navy and the Imperial Navies; the Imperial Arable; the Imperial Railways; Suto, Kashio, the other Principal Railways; Industrial Works; Home and Foreign Mail and Freight Steamers.

EXPORTERS OF COAL to Hongkong, Shanghai, Hankow, Singapore, Manila, North China, Korean ports and America.

SOLE PROPRIETORS of Takashima, Ochi, Shimone, Namban and Kamakura Collieries, and also Hijo Colliery which will shortly be ready to produce on a large scale the best Bituminous Coal.

Sea Agents for Kuroki, Komatsu (Tagawa) and Yashiozaki Co. (Karatani).

The Head and Branch Offices and the Agencies of the Company will receive any order for Coals produced from the above Collieries.

Coal sold in 1904 by the Company amounted to 1,620,000 tons.

TAKASHIMA COAL.

New and additional shafts at the Takashima Colliery have been completed and this well-known best and most economical steam Coal in the East is now produced in abundance and can be supplied in any quantity.

Hongkong, March 11, 1905.

Hotels.

KING EDWARD

HOTEL

A HIGH-CLASS PRIVATE HOTEL

Ladies Afternoon Tea Rooms,
Private Bar and Billiard Rooms.
Hot and Cold Water throughout.

Electrically Lighted.

Elevated Paths (if required).
Electric Passenger Elevator to each Floor.
Table D'Hote at Separate Tables.

For terms, &c., apply to the

MANAGER.

Hongkong, June 10, 1905.

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IN THE COLONY ARE AT

THE KOWLOON HOTEL,

CABLE ADDRESS 'CHEF' KOWLOON.

A High-class Tourist's Hotel under American Management. First-class Dining Room. Beautiful Garden.

Moderate Charges.

J. W. OSBORNE,

Proprietor and Manager.

Hongkong, October 30, 1905.

VICTORIA HOTEL,

SHAMKEN, CANTON.

On the British Concession.

MAGAO HOTEL,

MACAO, CHINA.

In the Centre of Praia Grand.

BOTH Hotels under Experienced European Management.

Every Comfort and Convenience for Residents and Tourists.

Wm. FARMER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, June 6, 1905.

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SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION.

(Opposite Connaught House).

No. 10, Queen's Road Central.

Moderate Charges.

Mrs. WAITING, Proprietress.

Hongkong, July 27, 1904.

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A SERIES OF ARTICLES.

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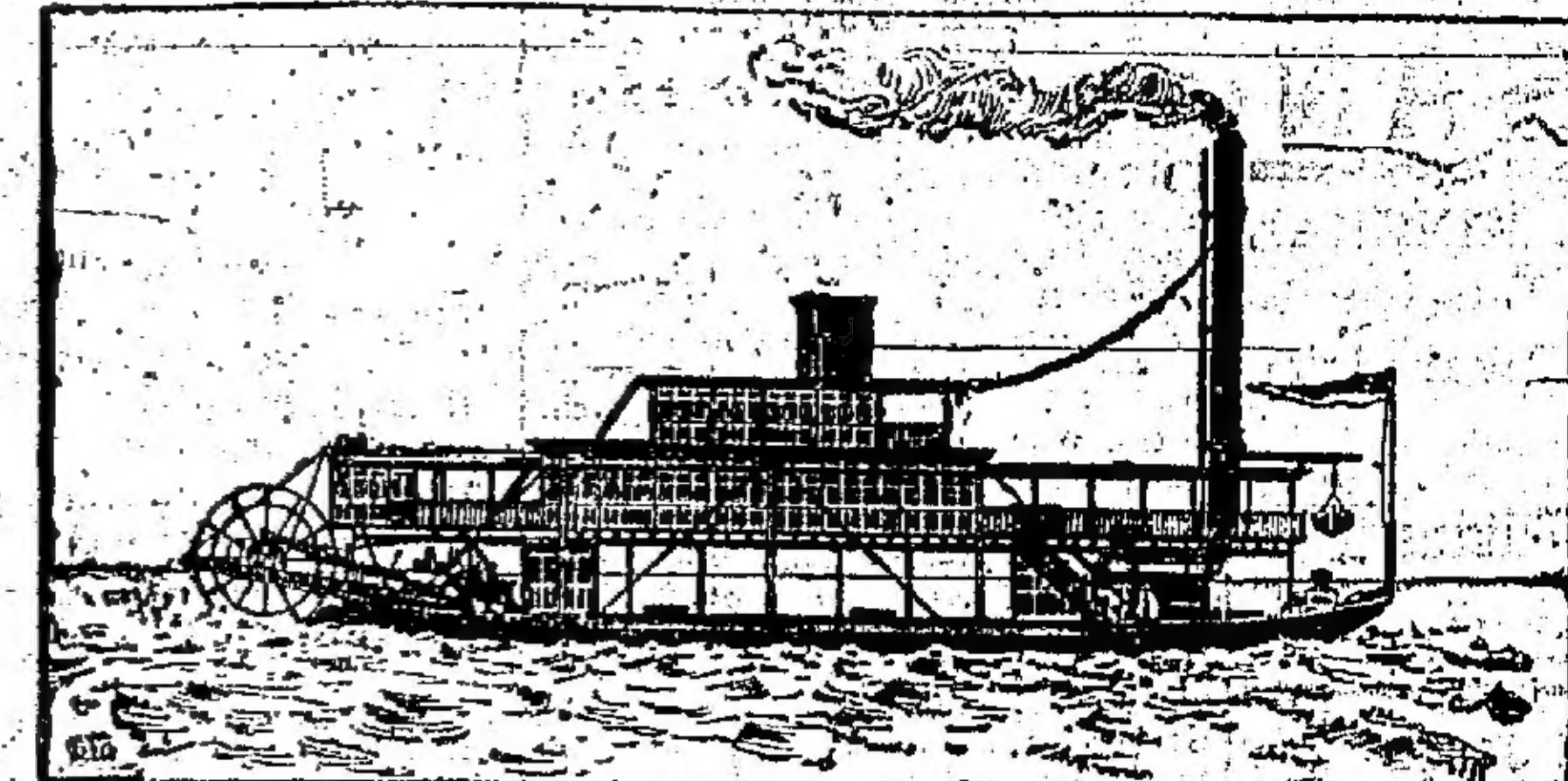
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STERNWHEEL STEAMERS have been found by experience to be the best type of vessel for shallow river navigation under

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Vessels on this system are constructed when required, to draw as little as 10 inches.

The construction of shallow river vessels propelled on various systems has been made the specialty of Messrs.

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Celebrated Oilman's Stores

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WATER** Bottled at the
Springs at Takaradzka,**The Clifford-Wilkinson
Tansan Mineral Water Co.
Limited, Kobe, Japn.**Per Case of 48 Pints \$3.50
Per Dozen Pints \$1.70
Per Case of 100 Splits \$3.00
Per Dozen Splits \$1.10**Crisp,
Delicious,
Invigorating.**Drink the World Renowned
Nerve and Muscle Strengthener.
THE Original and Genuine is J. Clifford
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ACTS gently, Acts pleasantly, Acts
beneficially.
NOTHING like it, or depressed
Spirits.SIMPLY marvellous.
AND worth its weight in Gold.
NOTHING can equal its popularity.**TANSAN****GINGER ALE.**Per Case 48 PINTS \$7.75
Per Dozen PINTS 1.95
Per Case 50 SPLITS 5.25
Per Dozen SPLITS 1.30Can be obtained at all 1st Class
HOTELS and BARS in the FAR
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IMITATIONS.The only genuine TANSAN
Bears the name of
J. CLIFFORD-WILKINSON.**H. PRICE & CO.,
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.**
SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG.
Hongkong, June 3, 1905.**THE HONGKONG FROZEN
FOOD SUPPLY.****THE DEPOT OPENS at 6 a.m.**

The following are in Stock:-

PRIME Australian Beef, Mutton, Lamb,
Pork, DAIRY FARM FED., Dressed, etc.

Capons, Dairy Farm Fed., Dressed, etc.

Chickens' Livers 75 cts. each

Chickens' Gizzards 4 cts. each

Ducks, Local (dressed) 65 cts. each

Ducks, Wild 75 cts. each

Australian Smoked Mullet 50 cts. per lb

do. Schnapper, 50 cts. each

Geese, Local (dressed) \$1.50 each

Hares, Australian 1st Grade \$1.40 each

Hans, Australian "Pineapple" 60 cts.

(2 lbs. extra per lb for Ham if cut).

Kidneys Australian Sheep 5 cts. each

Lemons, Australian 4 & 5 cts. each

Oysters, American, large size \$2.50 per tin.

Australian Oysters 24 doz. tins \$1.00, bot.

" 6 " 1.90

" bottles in large bottle

Partridges, Local 75 cts. each

Pigeons, Wild, Dressed 25 cts. each

Piglets, Australian 1st Grade, 55 cts. each

Pheasants, Australian Fried 63 cts. per lb

Sausages, Own Make (of Aus-
tralian Meat) 25 cts. per lb

Sole, Local 25 cts. each

Tongues, Australian Sheep 20 cts. each

Turkeys, Australian (plucked) 60 cts. per lb

Turkeys, the same day.

Orders required to be filled in the Early

Morning should be sent in before 8.30 p.m.

the previous day.

Orders for Noon should be sent in by

8.00 a.m. the same day.

Orders for 3.30 p.m. should be sent in by

Noon the same day.

Hongkong, November 11, 1905. 1273

**A. S. WATSON
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ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CONFETIONERYWE HAVE JUST UNPACKED
OUR NEW SEASON'S
CONFETIONERY.**A CHOICE SELECTION**

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LEADING LONDON &**PARIS HOUSES**comprising the simple kinds to those
of the MOST DELICATE and
RECHERCHE DESCRIPTION.**PERFUMES**ENGLISH, FRENCH & AMERICAN
in great variety—of the Finest
Quality only.**Fancy Perfume****Sprays,****Cut Glass****Bottles,****Handsome Puff****Boxes,****Manicure Sets,****Toilet Articles,****Smokers'****Requisites****PIPES, CIGAR AND****CIGARETTE HOLDERS****AND CASES, ETC.**

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**A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.****ALEXANDRA****BUILDINGS,****WM. POWELL,**

LIMITED,

ALEXANDRA**BUILDINGS.****New Chiffons,****Ribbons, Flowers,****Foliage, etc.****Kid, Suede, Cape**

and

Chamois Gloves.**Blouses, Shirts**

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Golf Jerseys.**Tam O' Shanters,****Motor Caps**

and

Fashionable**Millinery.****MODERATE PRICES****Wm. POWELL, Ltd.,****HONGKONG.****MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.****Auction.**

11 a.m.—Auction of Remnants of Furniture, &c., at King's Park, Kowloon.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at Kau U Fong.

Amusements.

8 p.m.—Performance in St. Patrick's Club.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Pathan undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Laisang* undelivered after 4 p.m. on this date will be landed.**General Memoranda.**

THURSDAY, December 14.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 2, East Terrace, Kowloon.

Goods per *Glenferrie* not cleared on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, December 16.—

Noon—Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

MONDAY, December 18.—

3 p.m.—Auction of Reclamation Property, do., at Messrs Hughes & Sons.

TUESDAY, December 20.—

Noon—Meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., at the Registered Office.

SPECIAL NOTE.

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Hongkong, November 11, 1905. 1273

Bank Notes in Circulation.

The following return of the average

amount of bank-note in circulation and of

specie in reserve in Hongkong, during

November, are certified by the managers of

the respective Banks:

Backs. Average Specie in

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and

China 3,664,588 2,300,000

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-

tion 13,723,557 9,000,000

National Bank of China Limited 68,015 40,000

Total 817,458 658 611,340,000

Bank at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. G.

Fitzton, D. S. O. and Officers, the Band of

the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own"

(Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the

following programme of music, during

dinner, at the Hongkong Hotel, this even-

ing, the 9th December, 1905.

Grand March "Lorraine" Game

Serenade "Love in Idleness" Macbeth

Selection of ... Ballet Music in Wil-

liam Tell Rossini

Valte Econ Boating Song

Polonaise Chopin

Descriptive March of the Mount-

ain Guards" Elsberg

Selection from "The Duchess of

Dante" Gavri

Cakka Walk A Coon Band Com-

test? Pryor

GOD SAVE THE KING

Eight On An Engine.

An exciting sight which took place on

the engine of a passenger train travelling

from Aldridge to Glasgow is reported in the

latest files from London. Whilst the train

was drawn up, waiting for a signal, a man

crept out of one of the carriages, and when

the locomotive restarted he jumped upon the

engine and made a drunken but deliberate

attempt to interfere with the machinery.

The driver and fireman seized him, but it

was only after a frantic struggle that they

overcame the man, who, at Glasgow, subse-

quently was sentenced to twenty days

imprisonment.

Band Performance.

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THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Successfully Formed.

A meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the proposal to form a Horticultural Society in Hongkong was held yesterday afternoon at the City Hall. His Excellency the Governor presided, and was supported at the table by His Excellency Major General Villiers Hatton, Sir Francis T. Piggott (Chief Justice), Sir H. S. Berkeley, and Mr S. T. Dunn (Superintendent of the Statistical and Aforestation Department).

His Excellency the Governor said that as most of those present must be aware a Horticultural Society had previously existed in Hongkong. It was formed in February 1873 and lasted just ten years. The last exhibition held under its auspices was on February 10, 1883. The society then seemed to have died away, as institutions in this Colony, with its very shifting community were apt to do. The present meeting was called with the object of revising that society. The next best thing to continuity was the survival of old institutions. The principal objects of the society would be the holding of annual shows for the improvement of flowers and vegetables, but there was another object which he trusted the society, if formed, would give its attention to. That was the improvement of gardens in the Colony. A short time ago a lady newly arrived in the Colony, and who had just paid a visit to Kowloon, said that she was struck by the disgraceful way in which people kept their gardens there. She asked if the Government could not do something. He was pleased with such a reference to the Government's powers but at the same time thought the matter was rather one for private effort.

It seemed certain that if the society was formed it would have beneficial results. Conditions of gardening in Hongkong were not altogether very favourable. We could hardly have the good old English gardens with velvety turf, close clipped ancient hedges and herbaceous borders nor were the Dutch gardens with formal flower beds and geometrical arrangements suitable. The Italian garden with its tall trees and shaded walks, statuary, flower beds and ornamental water had more to recommend it. The Persian gardens as he had seen them, surrounded by a square wall thick with orange and rose trees and running water appealed less to us than they did to the people of Persia. The Chinese garden seemed to consist mostly of ponds, pagodas and bridges, but those of our neighbours the Japanese were more worthy of imitation.

They all people had sought to embody abstract ideas in their gardening, and with people in Hongkong taking a keener interest in gardening, especially those with plenty of time on their hands—the ladies we might certainly look forward to a time when Hongkong might be known as a place where many a bower by the water flows.

There could be no doubt that there was a love of flowers in the Colony but he would like to see more flowers grown here and the gardens improved so that we would be a little less dependent upon Canton. Then as to vegetables. He had always held that the garden was the place for flowers and the greengrocer's shop the place for vegetables.

What the society wanted to do was to improve the quality of the vegetables grown in the market gardens and to get them to be grown under conditions that would render them more fit for consumption.

In time also the society would seek its way to extend its efforts in this direction and encourage the improvement of garden produce apart from market gardening. The society should have three objects. (1) The improvement of gardens. (2) Increased production of flowers and better quality in private gardens. (3) Encouragement of market gardens to produce good fruit and vegetables. He did not think that they should be too ambitious at first.

The objects mentioned were achieved the society would have done useful work and become an important factor or in the improvement of the Colony for all. (Applause.)

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impossible of accomplishment without a Horticultural Society. What we wanted was a society to hold meetings at which we could exchange our views, to get out our seeds, to lend us books, and to obtain and distribute to us in due time the new plants introduced by the Government together with the necessary advice for cultivating them.

Rule 2.—Any person interested in horticulture is eligible as member.

Everyone was of course, welcome and he hoped that the society might eventually include ladies and gentlemen of all the different nationalities in Hongkong united in the one object of beautifying our own and each other's gardens, and improving the quality and quantity of their produce. The interest already exhibited in the movement was very encouraging. As they knew their Excellencies the Governor and the General would allow their names to stand as patrons of the society and Sir Paul Chater had not only consented to be a patron but had enlisted the interests of a large number of his influential friends and had with them, most kindly promised to provide a sum of money which would give to the society a satisfactory financial basis. So they would see that as regarded personal support the society would start at the outset under good auspices. (Applause.)

Rule 3.—The subscriptions shall be five dollars per annum payable on election or on the 1st of May in each year; the funds of the society shall be expended upon an annual exhibition of flowers, vegetables and for other purposes connected with the object of the society.

The details as to the amount of subscription and date of payment would naturally engage the attention of the Society itself when formed. This sum would, however, probably be about the correct one for our present needs. The first call on the funds and the chief function of the society would undoubtedly be the annual flower show.

Show was not only essential for the healthy progress of gardening but helped to encourage friendly intercourse and exchange of gardening ideas with our neighbours. At the approaching show, for instance, contributions were expected from Amoy and other Chinese ports. The Municipality of Shanghai was even sending down its Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces, so he heard, to be present at the show and it was quite possible that they might have exhibits from Mauritius and other distant colonies. The beneficial effect of the flower show would be evident to all of them.

Rule 4.—The affairs of the society shall be managed by a committee of nine members including the president, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer and six others to be elected annually at a general meeting to be held not later than May 1st in each year.

This was the usual arrangement in societies of this kind but it could easily be modified by members if necessary. When the society was formed it was possible, of course, for any member, who wished to do so to propose detailed arrangements for the increase of its usefulness. But from the proposed rules and the short explanation which he had given he thought they would now be able to form an idea of the kind of society intended and of its possibilities.

Major General Villiers Hatton said that as no one else had responded to His Excellency the Governor's invitation to speak he thought he might assume that he was expressing the unanimous wish of the meeting, in moving that a Horticultural Society should be formed on the lines laid down by Mr Dunn. He did not think he could add much to what Mr Dunn had said, but there were one or two things which he thought would appeal to the Chinese element. They called their country the "Flower Land." And certainly it was a flower land, but they had only one street in Hongkong that was flowered. He thought we might grow many of the flowers ourselves. Most of them, he was told, came at present from Canton. Not only that but we might grow vegetables ourselves.

As emphasising the necessity for this he mentioned that one of the Indian regiments stationed here had more deaths from the willingness of those who people it when occasion demands. Others of the hospital have grown at random as circumstances demanded and funds permitted.

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Had Charles Dickens lived in Hongkong at the present day he would have found plenty of work for his pen. Stories such as he, above, most writers, have become famous for depicting abound in our midst; beneath the outward pomp and prosperity of the Colony there exists another sphere of life in which poverty, misery, and despair go hand in hand and which are daily fought by a brave band of workers. This is poverty of a type such as could only exist in a city peopled by Asiatics though unfortunately it is not entirely confined to them. Let the wealthy and comfortably placed of Hongkong's residents, if they desire information on this subject, but go slumming in the City of Victoria and we can promise that a condition of things will be revealed such as could not fail to appeal to the hearts and kindly sympathies of the most callous.

It is in this field that work is being carried on by a small but zealous section of the community. Considering the means at their disposal, the good they do is of Herculean dimensions and it is done in a direction where charity to the recipients means just the difference between life and death. One such body of workers is the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, a body in regard to which the majority of people locally know little more than that it holds an annual bazaar and issues a yearly report. The object of this article is to make the Society's operations better known in order that the public may be conscious of the good work it carries on and appreciate the claim it undoubtedly has to support.

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A MARVELLOUS OPERATION.

Eighty summers have passed over his head and for six years he was completely blind but our reporter was surprised to learn that through the skilful treatment of Dr Harston, he had his sight restored. The operation was a remarkable one and a triumph of modern skill, being rendered more difficult by the patient's great age and the hard life he has lived. This case does not however stand alone, to Dr Harston's credit; four as other venerable inmates of the hospital were also blinded out who owe their sight to him.

In Dr Gomes' building is situated the men's ward and in one respect it affords a striking contrast from that occupied by the women—the beds are all neat and serviceable-looking iron structures while the others are much less comfortable and poorly made of wood.

One of the greatest needs of the hospital, said the Reverend Mother, is 60 iron beds, which could be obtained at a few dollars each.

To return to the inmates of the ward, almost the first noticed were two boys, both hopelessly blind, while on a mean couch at the far end of the veranda (the nearest approach to isolation possible) lay a Chinese woman who was already blind.

On the bed beside her was a small child, apparently quite happy walking at this time with the feeble light burning within their breast, should at last flicker and fail. The light suggested tiny worm lamps in which the oil was almost spent.

Upstairs were found the six beds reserved for Portuguese, at present unoccupied, and the operating room! Here Dr Harston and Mariett have done some remarkable work. The operating-table consists of a wooden bench firmly fastened one on top of the other and the room is so small that it leaves little room to walk round the table. However, it is light and airy and its deficiencies are made up for by the willingness of those who people it when occasion demands. Others of the hospital have grown at random as circumstances demanded and funds permitted.

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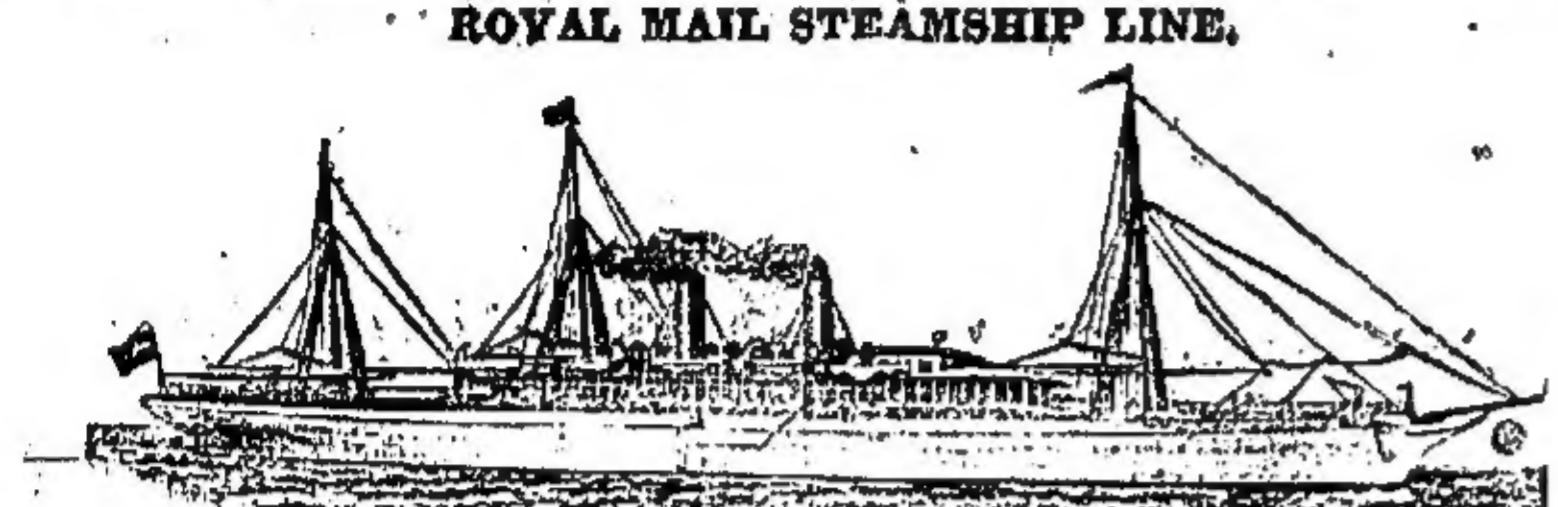
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

* SIBERIA 18,000 Tons FRIDAY, 15th Dec., at Noon.

* MONGOLIA 27,000 Tons WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.

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DORIO 9,500 Tons FRIDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

* MANCHURIA 27,000 Tons FRIDAY, 23rd Jan., at Noon.

* KOREA 18,000 Tons TUESDAY, 6th Feb., at Noon.

* COPTIC 9,000 Tons FRIDAY, at Noon.

* Twin Screw.

RECORD EAST TRIPS.

Yokohama to San Francisco, 18,000 tons, September 16-27th 1905;

10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.

San Francisco to Honolulu, 18,000 tons, August 16-20th, 1905;

4 days, 19 hours.

San Francisco to Yokohama, 18,000 tons, calling at Midway Islands and Honolulu on route, August 16th-31st, 1905; 13 days, 13 hours.

Yokohama to San Francisco, 18,000 tons, Oct. 13th to 23rd, 1905;

10 days, 10 hours and 29 minutes.

THE P. M. Steamship SIBERIA will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI (INLAND SEA), KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, the 15th December, at Noon, taking cargo for Japan and the United States.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies' QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 1905.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.

2ND SUNDAY, IN ADVENT.

Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)
Response: Feriel; Venite, Farnant;
Psalm, 49, 47 (special); Benedic-
te. V. in A; Benedicetus, Lan-
den; Hymn, 363, 48, 358.
Evening (6.45 p.m.)
Responses: Feriel; Psalms, 67, 97,
160, 117; Magnificat, and Nunc
Dimittis; Wesley in E; Anthem, 'O
Saviour of the World'; Goss; Hymn,
51, 369; Sevenfold Amos; Valen-
tines; 'The Temper' German.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Minister: Rev. C. H. Hickling.
11 a.m.:—Worship: Hymn 10, Chant
32, Hymn 557, 311, 289.
3 p.m.:—Children's Services in School
Hall—Parents and Friends welcome.
Sunday School in British School,
Kowloon.
5.30 p.m.:—Singing in Church.
6 p.m.:—Worship: Hymn 353, 509, 165,
193, 365.
7 p.m.:—After Meeting for Praise and
Prayer.
Wednesday 6 p.m.:—Praise, Prayer and
Address.
Thursday 9 p.m.:—Literary Club. Public
Lecture by Mr Frank Brown (Govt.
Analyst) 'The Earth': extraction of
valuable constituents (with metallurgical
illustrations).

Friday 7.30 p.m.:—Christian Endeavour
Society. Subject: 'What our Den-
ominations stand for.'
St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road
West.

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.
Venite, Russell: Te Deum, Oakley;
Benedicetus, Garrett; Hymn, 16;
16, 218, and 58.
Holy Communion (12.15)
Evening Prayer 6.30.
Centrale Crocus: Deo (Goss); Hymn,
114, 358, 262, 16.
The Church launch "Dawnstar" will
call on the ships carrying white crews to
bring friends ashore to the services
between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between
5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier
10.30, and 6, returning afterwards.
The answering panes in the oil flag
All the sittings are free and nonappropriated.
Visitors welcome. Hymn Books, &c.,
provided.
Sunday School: 10—10.45 a.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church,
Wanchai.

Morning:—10.15 a.m.
Evening:—6 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home,
Arsenal Street.
Sunday evening 8 p.m.
Books provided—meals free—a hearty
welcome.

Sundays, Naval Depot, Kowloon
Evening:—8 p.m.
Holy Communion.—3rd Sundays:—7 p.m.

Peak Church.

Holy Communion:—8 a.m.

Deutsche Kirche,
Gottesdienst:—11 Uhr. in Bethesda
Kapelle, Caine Road.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 8.

Idomenus, British str., 4,280, H. Nish,
Liverpool via Singapore, December 3,
General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Oterspool, British steamer, 1,340, J. J.
Farnell, Moji December 2, Coal.—MITSUI
BUNSEN KAISHA.

Jason, British str., 7,449, T. G. Stoeves,
Singapore Dec. 5, General.—BUTTERFIELD
& SWINE.

Fouling, British steamer, 1,423, T.
Arthur, Sourabaya November 29, Sugar.—
JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

December 9.

Choyang, British steamer, 1,424, S. L.
Hessey, Shanghai Dec. 4, and Swatow 8,
General.—JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.

Russia, Russian cruiser, 12,700, Lube,
Dec. 5.

Suley, British cruiser, from Mire Bay.

DEPARTURES.

December 9.

Bobi, for Manila, for Hoihow.

Jacob Diederichs, for Hoihow.

Amico, for Haiphong.

Hengchow, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Cleared, for Bombay.
Daiji Maru, for Swatow.

Hukou, for Nagasaki.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

For *Choyang*, from Shanghai, Messrs.

Dobie, Siebs, and Milne; from Swatow,

Mr Horsey.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Choyang* reports:

Shanghai to Swatow, light variable winds,

and hazy weather; 24 hours dense fog off

Lambocks Island; Swatow to Hongkong;

light Ely winds and fine, clear weather.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 8, 1905.

On London, Bank Wires, 2/0/0

On demand, 2/0/0

30 days' sight, 2/0/0

4 months' sight, 2/0/0

Credit, 4/0/0

Documentary, 4 months' sight, 2/0/0

On Paris, 2/0/0

On demand, 2/0/0

Credit, 4 months' sight, 2/0/0

On Berlin, 2/0/0

On demand, 2/0/0

Credit, 60 days' sight, 2/0/0

On Bombay, 2/0/0

Wires, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

On Calcutta, 1/0/0

Wires, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

On Singapore, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

On Manila, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

On Shanghai, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

30 days' sight, (private paper), 1/0/0

On Yokohama, 1/0/0

On demand, 1/0/0

Gold Leaf, 100 fina, (per ton), 2/0/0

Scowls (Bank's buying rate), 2/0/0

Gulls (per cwt.), 2/0/0

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STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

SUPPLIED THROUGH BREWER.

Albenga, Ernest Simon, Mentor,
Zieten, Forster, Kufusford, Vandala,
Sathura, Sina, Bechuan, Hainan, Malacca, 21, Monomotapa,
Oceanian, Pera, Siam, Tschamak, Hermitage, 24, Agemmenon, Aleisa,
Bevry, Diamond, Guinevere, Indramayo,
Kauchau, Japan, Syria, 28, Louther
Castle, Pudong, Palau, Purhus, Rorussia,
Den of Moors, Prinzess Alice, Rasdara, Dec. 1; Alston, Matoppo, 5.

MAILS

The M. M. Co.'s str. *Ernest Simon* with the

French Mail of the 10th Nov., left

Saigon on Friday, the 8th Dec., at 11 p.m., and may be expected

here on or about Tuesday, the 12th

Dec., at daylight. This packet brings

replies to letters despatched from

Hongkong on the 7th October.

The C. P. R. Co.'s str. *Empress of China*

of Vancouver on Monday afternoon,

the 27th November for Hongkong, via

the usual Ports of Call.

The P. M. S. Co.'s str. *Mongolia* will

sail from Yokohama on the 8th Dec., and

will be due to arrive here on or

about the 19th Dec.

The C. P. R. Co.'s str. *Empress of India*,

arrived at Vancouver at 12.30 p.m.,

on Tuesday, the 5th Dec.

Steamers Expected.

The C. P. R. Co.'s str. *Tartar* arrived at

Kobe at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, the 8th

Dec., and left again at 6 p.m. on

same day for Yokohama, where she is

due to arrive at 1 a.m. on Friday, the

8th Dec.

The C. A. S. S. Co.'s str. *Montrose* left

Singapore on Saturday, the 2nd Dec.,

and is due here on or about Saturday,

the 9th Dec., at daylight.

The Java-China-Lijn Steamer *Tjilatjap* left

Moji via Swatow and Amoy,

for this port on the 27th November,

and may be expected here on or

about the 10th Dec.

The P. & A. S. Co.'s str. *Algoa* sailed

from Taicoo on November 1st for

this port carrying freight only, and is

expected to arrive here on or about

the 10th December.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s str. *Lysa*

arrived at Yokohama on the 2nd Dec.

The *P. & G. Apur*, from Calcutta, left

Singapore on the afternoon of 6th

Dec., and may be expected here on or

about the 11th Dec.

The P. & A. S. Co.'s str. *Argonaut* is

expected to sail from Moji on the 7th

Dec., and is due here on the afternoon

of the 12th Dec.

The P. & A. Co.'s str. *Nicomedes* sailed

from Astoria on Nov. 14th, and is

due to arrive at this port on or about

Dec. 14th.

Registration, with late fee of 10 cents

up to 10.45 a.m.

Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10 a.m.

No late fee.

Letters at 11 a.m.

Late Letters 11 to 11.30 a.m. Extra

Postage 10 cents.

(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes

in time for the first clearance will be in-

cluded in this contract mail.)

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Tonkin*

will be despatched on TUESDAY, the